

# JOHN

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## Welcome to JOHN

Issue 3 awaits the eager eye. The feedback continues to be so positive. With the summer months and the high heat, it is time to sit in the shade and hopefully enjoy some of the memories of times past, isn't that what summer is all about?

Struggles for success are not always rewarded, but when the struggle results in a finished result that is pleasing and rewarding, the story must be shared. Thanks Christine for sharing your "Mathew McWhorter struggle" with us. As we move from the Revolutionary war period, I am so happy to share with you the military career of my Grandfather, Charles D. Lillard. What started as a casual look at his background led to finding Grandparents that were long hidden in the past as well as some cool things about Charles as he was growing up. My advice to any family researcher is not to give up as you can see what happened to me in my Lillard family research. Next is a special moment for Christine and I. Hope that some of our relationship lessons will ring true for your and yours. Next is a tribute to two very special Marine Brothers, they both made their mark on the history of my hometown. Finally, a comment about the cover, every 4th of July tends to bring out the child in us as we shoot the fireworks, go to the ballgames, camp and fish or attend that family picnic, I never tire of finding the right shot at the right time. Enjoy!.

The Fresh Flowers this month features a deep dive into a very terrible time in our history, one that we should never forget.JAH



# Revolutionary War Patriot Mathew McWhorter

*The discovery process of an ancestor search is always so exciting and on our first trip to Salem, Washington County, NY we found the Old Burying Ground cemetery in hopes of locating my 6 times great grandfather, Alexander Simpson. He wasn't there, but we found the gravesite of Matthew McWhorter, my 5 X's great grandfather, with a Revolutionary War grave marker next to his headstone.*

*Returning home, I decided that I wanted to claim him as a supplemental patriot ancestor for my DAR record. As I searched the DAR data bank of recognized patriots, I saw that Matthew McWhorter had not yet been used as a verified DAR Revolutionary War patriot. How could that be?? There seemed to have been enough data supporting the fact that he served our country during that time and there was that Revolutionary War grave marker on his grave site in the Old Burying Ground.*

*I went to work to prove my lineage to him and to also prove his service to the Revolutionary War – all to the standards of the Daughters of the American Revolution. On my first try, my packet was finally approved after almost 11 months of review at DAR Headquarters. I was so excited! Not only did I get to purchase (thank you John!) another gold bar for my ribbon, but I received the special "New Ancestor" certificate.*

*This now makes Matthew McWhorter more accessible to other members of DAR who are proving him in their lineage as well as other researchers who can now access the public records of the DAR ancestor data base. I feel that I have honored my many times great grandfather by getting him this recognition. CAH*



THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE

## Daughters of the American Revolution

*Supplemental Ancestor*

*This certifies that*

**CHRISTINE A. RUTHERFORD HOLLEY**

*has proven her descent from*

**MATTHEW MCWHORTER**

*who with unfailing loyalty served as a sailor, soldier, civil officer or rendered material aid  
to the cause of American Independence during the Revolutionary War.*

*Verified by the National Society*

*this twenty-third day of January 2017*

*Mary Barrister Frisch*  
Registrar General

*Lynn Turner Dillon*  
President General





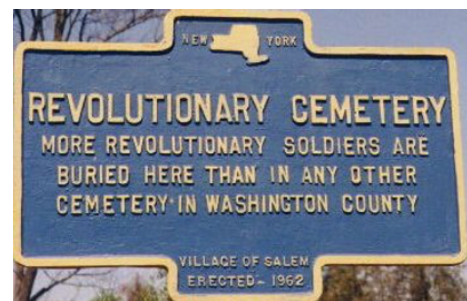


*Here lies the mortal part of  
Mathew McWhorter  
who departed this life*

*Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1804 in the 79<sup>th</sup>  
Year of his of his age.*

*The righteous is held in  
everlasting remembrance.*

*Mark the perfect man & behold  
the upright, for the end of  
that man is peace.*



**Salem, New York Revolutionary War Cemetery, (also called the Old Salem Burying Ground).**

**Salem was settled in August 1764 by a colony from Pelham, Massachusetts. Two years later Dr. Thomas Clark with his Scots Irish Presbyterian congregation from Ireland also settled here. The pioneers set aside land for a cemetery, and the first burial was that of an Indian who wandered into the village and died. The first pioneer buried here was Solomon Barr. Both graves are unmarked.**

**The earliest burial on a tombstone is that of Abraham Savage, age 18, who died in 1769. The burial ground contains the bodies of Salem's earliest pioneers, two of which were French and Indian War Rangers, 105 were Revolutionary War soldiers, and five were War of 1812 soldiers.**

1. According to the book, (Washington Counties, Heads of Families, NY, pp 147 - 197) "Matthew McWhorter came from Balibay, Ireland with Rev. Thomas Clark & his congregation.
2. Noted in Getty family document; They sailed from Newry, County Down on the ship, "John on 10 May 1764". - then settled in Charlotte Co. NY & erected a town, naming it New Perth, now Salem. A Presbyterian Church was founded, of which his father was a staunch contributor.
3. Landed In NYC, then to Stillwater, then to Charlotte County, NY. Eventually settled in New Perth, later, Salem TWP of present day Washington County, NY Lot #162 & 163 for a time of Turner Patent.
4. Heading: Charlotte County Militia (Land Bounty Rights) Rank: Enlisted Men Name: Matthew McWhorter NEW YORK IN THE REVOLUTION AS COLONY AND STATE
5. 1780-1782 Mathew was a member of the Assembly of Salem, NY & a member of the State Legislature at Albany, Kingston & Poughkeepsie during those years. He was "active" in the Rev. War Charlotte co., NY Militia, received land grant, was a "Fence viewer"



A few years ago when I first started my family history research, I spent almost all of my research time on the Holley side of my family. Discovering the Holley history led me to becoming a member of the SAR with Jonathan Holley as my Revolutionary War patriot. During all this research, I looked casually at my maternal side of the family - the Lillards. Now it was time to explore deeper into this side of the family. Old photos of my Grandfather, Charles D. Lillard caught my eye in that there were two pictures of him in two different types of Army uniforms. Uniforms of clearly different time periods. Could he have served in both WWI and WWII? When I found his military records I discovered that he indeed had served in both wars. The records clearly show his service dates for WWI & WWII.

After WWI, my Grandfather worked as a printer in Lincoln, Nebraska. This is where he learned and became trained as a Linotype operator. Linotypists typed on a special 90 key - keyboard creating a "Line o type" that could be used to rapidly print pages of newspapers. People began to appreciate the industry as its own institution within journalism. In 1929, a Boy Scout visited a newspaper plant to earn his Journalism Merit Badge and called the Linotype "one of the three wonders of the modern newspaper plant."

Four decades later, by 1954, the number of Linotype machines in operation swelled to 100,000. The invention had become a critical part of producing newspapers, ads, books and more. My Grandfather worked in this industry first in Nebraska, then Colorado and finally in California.

I still recall a proud memory of my Grandfather when he was working at the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, Colorado. My grade school class took a field trip from Erie, Colorado to visit this newspaper's plant located in Denver. As we were escorted into the basement of the printing facility, I was surprised to see my Grandfather sitting at a Linotype machine working away while a cigarette was artfully dangling from his mouth. As soon as my classmates realized our relationship, I was so proud and even more so when each kid was given a "Linotype" with their name on it which my Grandfather had made for each one of us.

Soon after this my Grandfather moved to California to work for the Los Angeles Examiner. I did not know at this time that he had served his country in both WWI & WWII. I only had the opportunity to see my Grandfather a few times after he moved to California. My recent research has helped me know more about him and his military history. The information displayed on the next page is just a small sampling of what has become a little known but great family story. JAH



Linotype operator at work and the 90 key - Keyboard that was used.



## Charles D. Lillard

1 Jul 1893 - 17 Oct 1972

Enlistment Date 1	14 Feb 1918
Release Date 1	20 Feb 1919
Enlistment Date 2	6 Nov 1942
Release Date 2	30 Oct 1944



Charles D. Lillard shown at his barracks in 1918 and then when he was a member of the 40 and 8 Band in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1924 after he served in WWI.



Charles D. Lillard and George B. Curtis were inducted into the service by local board No. 2 Saturday afternoon. The former was sent to Camp Green, located at Charlotte, North Carolina. Curtis was sent to Kelley field at San Antonio, Texas. He is a bricklayer.



The "40 and 8" bugle and drum corps is one of the smaller organizations which acts at political rallies and in connection with the activities of their group. From left to right, above: W. E. Cummins, Talmage Smith, Henry Harper, and Charles Reeves; below: T. F. Van

—Macdonald Photograph.  
Landingham, Milton Barratt, Charles Lillard, Edgar Westervelt and Fred Craig. Four other members of the corps are not shown: Paul Creedan, Glen Carrigan, D. K. Bryant, and Arch Burnham.



On August 6, Christine and John Holley will be celebrating 24 years of marriage. As shown below, we enjoy many times together doing things that help create a special bond between us. Here is some marriage advice I would like to share that we as a couple practice all the time:

1. Always start and end your days with a hug and kiss. EVERYDAY. Physical contact with the one you love never tires, don't forget the kids.
2. Never, never criticize each other. Discussion on behavior is fine, which feels better to you? "Please don't slam the door" or "Why do you always have to slam the door"! Words hurt in the long run especially the ones not thoughtfully spoken. Deep breaths do wonders sometimes.
3. Never, Never, fight about money, in the end whether you have it or not or do not use it wisely will not make a difference in your relationship with each other. Happy Anniversary, Christine, love ya! JAH





Wednesday, 8/14/2017 marks the end of WWII when Japan surrendered. In light of all the news worthy events that happen every day, it will not be surprising that one of the most significant events in US history will pass by much too silent. This makes me realize that those of us who were alive during WWII still owe the present and future generations our experiences as humble that they may be, that if not recalled now will also go silent. As a 1st grader growing up in a very small Colorado town, I knew that there was a war going on.

The big white billboard across from the Post Office reminded us daily of those who were serving from our town. People often stopped to look and were always aware of the stars beside the names of wounded and Killed in Action. This sets the stage for my story. When our family heard that Alvin Lawley was killed in action it really hit home. Bob Lawley, Alvin's brother was my Dad's best friend and he was a Marine too. It was a bright

summer day when the Marine detachment brought Alvin home to his final resting place. The Marines met with the family and shared what was appropriate regarding Alvin's brave actions. The flag draped casket was taken into the Lawley house as we all stood on the street. This scene will never leave my memory. The Marine detachment showed the highest level of respect for their fallen hero. I recall hearing the last tribute to Alvin as the sound of the 21-gun salute echoed from the cemetery.

Bob Lawley returned after the war not in the best shape. He is shown here with my dog. My Mother and Dad took him into our home and helped bring him back to a better place. Bob and my Dad spent many happy times together and I was fortunate to join them on fishing and hunting trips. There were no war stories to share, nor did there have to be, the historians do this well enough. My desire is to honor the memory of these two brave Marines, one that paid with his life and other who came home and raised a family and served the town well. I welcome this challenge to preserve these memories.



#### April-June 1945: Okinawa

"By April 1945, the war in Europe had ended with Allied victory, but the Pacific theater was yet to see its deadliest days. The final land battle of World War II took place a mere 350 miles from the main islands of Japan. The U.S. planned that Okinawa, once captured, would serve as a staging area for an invasion of the main islands. Okinawa saw 82 days of brutal warfare in horrific conditions at places like Kakazu Ridge, Sugar Loaf Hill and Kunishi Ridge. U.S. Marines and Army troops fought a bloody battle of attrition against an enemy concealed in intricate underground defense systems. When the island was finally secured, more than 12,000 U.S. soldiers and Navy personnel were dead or missing and more than 36,000 were wounded. Seventy thousand soldiers of the Japanese 32nd Army died on Okinawa, joined by as many as 100,000 to 150,000 civilians trapped in the crossfire".

(<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/general-article/pacific-major-battles/>)



# ***FRESH FLOWERS***



"Somewhere in France is the Lily, close by the English rose.  
Somewhere in France is a sweetheart facing the battle's chance.  
For the flower of our youth fights for freedom and truth.  
Somewhere in France!"

Composer: Joseph E. Howard – 1918